

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF ENDERBY

MEMO

To: Mayor and Council
From: Tate Bengtson, CAO
Date: October 2, 2022
Subject: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council supports a grant application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for equipment to enhance the Enderby & District Fire Department's structural and wildland interface firefighting capabilities;

AND THAT Council supports the City of Enderby providing overall grant management.

BACKGROUND

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) is a suite of funding programs intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations and communities in responding to emergencies. Funding is provided by the Province of BC and is administered by Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

One of the CEPF funding streams is designed to build the resiliency of volunteer and composite fire departments in preparing for and responding to emergencies through the purchase of eligible equipment, including equipment required to support response to wildland interface and structural fires. Ongoing operational costs and the purchase of major fire apparatus are not eligible. There is no requirement for a local contribution. The submission deadline is October 21, 2022. Applicants can expect to be notified of the funding decision within 90 days.

The Enderby & District Fire Department provides fire protection services to the City of Enderby and the Shuswap River Fire Protection District as well as fire suppression services under contract with Splatsin for one of its reserves. It is also a partner in mutual aid agreements with fire departments in both the North Okanagan and Columbia-Shuswap.

Staff are proposing to apply for the following items for the Enderby & District Fire Department to enhance its structural and wildland interface firefighting capabilities:

- Portable pump (\$10,568) and Fire Ceptor (2 x \$2,400) – taken together, these items will enhance the fire department's ability to draft from natural sources (such as the Shuswap River or small streams, including shallow water and through typical impediments such as

gravel, sand and weeds). These units are purpose-built for natural source drafting, which will help prevent damage to other portable and apparatus pumps.

- Positive pressure ventilation fan (\$6,000) – a battery-operated fan that puts positive pressure ventilation into a structure to help extinguish and/or direct the fire while protecting interior teams during searches and rescues, to be carried on the new apparatus replacing Engine 12.
- Additional gas detector (\$6,000) – used to detect natural gas, carbon monoxide, low oxygen, and other potentially hazardous atmospheres to protect firefighters and the public, to be carried on the new apparatus replacing Engine 12.
- 2 replacement spray nozzles (2 x \$1,500) – to replace two spray nozzles in the fire department’s inventory that are approaching the end of service life.

Taken together, the above items will make a significant contribution to the wildland interface and structural firefighting capabilities of the Enderby & District Fire Department, which will help protect firefighters, the public, and property.

Respectfully submitted,

10/2/2022

X Tate Bengtson

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Chief Administrative Officer
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